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SUBJECT: LAOS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1300 EDT MAY 29TH

1. AMERICANS REMAINING IN LAOS: EMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS

161 OFFICIAL AMERICANS REMAIN IN LAOS. DEPARTEES TODAY

WENT OUT BY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AND BY SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION.

2. SITUATION IN VIENTIANE: THE CITY REMAINS CALM. WORK

RESUMED NORMALLY AT THE USAID COMPOUND BUT CONTRARY TO THE
AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN CHARGE CHAPMAN AND THE PGNU ON
TUESDAY NIGHT, SOME MEMBERS OF THE JOINT POLICE FORCE
(PREDOMINATELY PATHET LAO) REMAIN IN THE COMPOUND.

USAID, WITH SOME 30 AMERICAN EMPLOYEES STILL REMAINING,
HAS SET TO WORK ARRANGING ITS PROGRAMS FOR TURNOVER TO THE
PGNU BEFORE THE JUNE 30 TERMINATION DATE FOR USAID AS
STIPULATED IN THE SETTLEMENT WITH THE PGNU.

3. FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO LAOS: AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER

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HAS PREPARED A COVER MEMO TO BE INSERTED IN THE CONGRESSION-

AL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT ON LAOS WHICH IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT
HIS JUNE 5 APPEARANCE ON THE HILL. THE MEMO STATES THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO MAKE A

MEANINGFUL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO LAOS FOR FY'76 GIVEN
THE SITUATION PREVAILING THERE. INGERSOLL

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